

8 extending an invitation by a first party to at least one second party for
9 physically positioning themselves at said location in close proximity to the positioned
10 rug;
11 initiating a discussion corresponding to the script by the first party at said
12 location, and engaging the second party in a discourse that relates to the conflict from
13 the perspective of the first party; and
14 continuing the discussion according to the script, with each of the remaining
15 parties speaking in sequence each of the plurality of phrases together with respective
16 additional discourse that relates to the conflict from the perspective of the speaking
17 party, while the parties remain at the location, to encourage respectful and safe
18 behavior.

1 11. (Twice Amended) A method for enabling a conflict resolution process
2 to be conducted by two or more parties in mutual conflict who have positioned
3 themselves in proximity to a conflict resolution area, said two or more parties having
4 been pre-instructed as to a script and a set of instructions to be followed in connection
5 with said script, the method comprising:
6 speaking by one of the two or more parties to another of the two or more
7 parties a set of statements according to the script and the set of instructions; and
8 repeating said speaking by each remaining party of the two or more parties
9 until all parties have spoken while remaining in proximity to the conflict resolution
10 area to encourage respectful and safe behavior;
11 wherein said conflict resolution area is a specific location identified by the two
12 or more parties as a conflict resolution area defined by a rug or a sheet about which
13 the parties position themselves.

1 16. (Amended) A kit for enabling conflict resolution among two or more
2 parties comprising:
3 a portable object comprising a rug or a sheet, said portable object adapted to
4 be used as a physical and symbolic focus for convening a conflict resolution
5 discussion; and
6 a set of instructions for use in association with said portable object, to
7 encourage participants involved in a mutual conflict to encourage each other to
8 physically convene around the portable object and mutually encourage each other to
9 reach a resolution to the conflict;
10 said portable object and kit being contained in a container enabling the kit to
11 be transported about to various venues.

Please add new claims 20-23:

1 20. (New) A method for enabling a conflict resolution among two or more
2 parties, comprising:
3 providing a script to be spoken by at least one of the two or more parties, the
4 script including a plurality of phrases, each phrase corresponding to the beginning of a
5 respective statement;
6 positioning a sheet at a location for the two or more parties to physically
7 position themselves with respect to the sheet for engaging in a discussion;
8 extending an invitation by a first party to at least one second party for
9 physically positioning themselves at said location in close proximity to the positioned
10 sheet;

11 initiating a discussion corresponding to the script by the first party at said
12 location, and engaging the second party in a discourse that relates to the conflict from
13 the perspective of the first party; and
14 continuing the discussion according to the script, with each of the remaining
15 parties speaking in sequence each of the plurality of phrases together with respective
16 additional discourse that relates to the conflict from the perspective of the speaking
17 party, while the parties remain at the location, to encourage respectful and safe
18 behavior.

1 21. (New) A method for enabling a conflict resolution among two or more
2 organizations, each organization being represented by a respective speaker,
3 comprising:
4 providing a script to be spoken by at least one of the two or more speakers, the
5 script including a plurality of phrases, each phrase corresponding to the beginning of a
6 respective statement;
7 positioning a portable object at a location for the two or more speakers to
8 physically position themselves with respect to the portable object for engaging in a
9 discussion;
10 extending an invitation by a first organization to at least one second
11 organization for physically positioning themselves at said location in close proximity
12 to the positioned portable object;
13 initiating a discussion corresponding to the script by the first speaker at said
14 location, and engaging the second speaker in a discourse that relates to the conflict
15 from the perspective of the first organization; and

16 continuing the discussion according to the script, with each of the remaining
17 speakers speaking in sequence each of the plurality of phrases together with
18 respective additional discourse that relates to the conflict from the perspective of the
19 speaking organization, while the speakers remain at the location, to encourage
20 respectful and safe behavior.

1 22. (New) The method as set forth in Claim 21, further comprising
2 developing a plan accomplished by mutual encouragement to further discuss the
3 conflict and to explore how the two or more organizations could attain improved
4 inter-party relations.

1 23. (New) The method as set forth in Claim 22, wherein said discussion
2 includes articulating a mutually agreeable plan for achieving said improved inter-
3 party relations.